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1. CONCUR IN EMBASSY'S PROPOSED REPLY, WITH FOLLOWING RE-

VISIONS.

2. PARA 2 OF NOTE: CHANGE QTE EARLY 1974 END QTE TO QTE
JUNE 1974 END QTE TO AVOID POSSIBLE CONFUSION WITH UNACCEP-
TABLE PHILIPPINE DRAFT RECEIVED IN SPRING.

3. PARA 3 OF NOTE: ADD TO LAST SENTENCE PHRASE QTE AND
THE UNITED STATES. END QTE AND ALSO ADD FOLLOWING SENTENCE
QTE THE UNITED STATES WOULD HOPE TO RECEIVE AT THAT TIME
PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE TRADE REQUESTS PRE-
SENTED BY THE US DURING THE JULY 1974 TECHNICAL TALKS. END
QTE. GOP SHOULD BE ON NOTICE THAT RECIPROCITY, AS REQUIRED
UNDER SECTIONS 105 AND 106 OF TRADE ACT, WILL BE REQUIRED
AND WE DO NOT WISH TO GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITY TO CLAIM IGNOR-
ANCE OF OUR INTEREST.

4. WITH REGARD TO BARRERA'S QUERY RE PROSPECTS FOR USE OF
PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER AUTHORITY CONCERNING GSP COMPETITIVE

NEED CEILINGS, AND ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR'S RESPONSE
(MANILA 12175, PARA 4), IN PRESENTING NOTE, EMBASSY SHOULD
INFORM GOP THAT WHILE WE DO NOT EXCLUDE THE USE OF THE
WAIVER AUTHORITY PROVIDED FOR IN THE TRADE ACT OF 1974,
USE OF THIS AUTHORITY WOULD CONFLICT WITH BROAD U.S. TRADE
POLICY OBJECTIVES AND UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD RAISE PROBLEMS FOR
US WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH WE EXPECT THAT PHILIP-
PINES WILL BENEFIT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES FROM THE U.S.
GSP SYSTEM, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT U.S. GSP SYSTEM IS A
TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT WHICH WILL EXPIRE WITHIN TEN YEARS
AND THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE ALL PRODUCTS
OF INTEREST TO PHILIPPINES ON U.S. GSP LIST. E.G. COCO-
NUT OIL WAS NOT ON PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED LIST SENT TO ITC
FOR REVIEW AND ADVICE, AND THEREFORE WILL NOT RECEIVE GSP
TREATMENT WHEN SYSTEM GOES INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1976.
HOWEVER, IT CAN BE NEGOTIATED ON AN MFN BASIS. WE CONTIN-
UE TO BELIEVE THAT APPROACH BASED ON MFN TARIFF REDUCTIONS
OFFERS SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS TO BOTH SIDES. WE ARE SEEKING
WAYS TO ACCOMMODATE THE PRINCIPAL PHILIPPINE TRADE INTER-
ESTS THROUGH THIS APPROACH, WHICH WE HOPE WILL BE RECOGNIZ-
ED BY PHILIPPINES AS MORE THAN TOKEN GESTURE TO THEIR
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SPECIAL INTERESTS. (PARA 10, MANILA 12339). INGERSOLL

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